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1. [REDACTED] THE REACTIONS WITHIN THE CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) TO THE KILLING OF NAVAL CAPTAIN ARTURO A R A Y AIDE DE CAMP TO THE PRESIDENT, [REDACTED]

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4. URRUTIA REQUESTED PROFESSIONAL SOLIDARITY, AND HE INDICATED THAT THE CARABINEROS SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL TO AVOID LENDING THEMSELVES TO SITUATIONS WHICH COULD BE EXPLOITED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES BY EITHER THE POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) COALITION OR BY THE OPPOSITON.

5. URRUTIA ALSO MENTIONED TWO OTHER INCIDENTS: HE SAID THAT ON 18 AUGUST THE AIR FORCE MOVED SOME OF ITS AIRCRAFT FROM SANTIAGO TO CONCEPCION; HOWEVER, NO REPORTING ABOUT THIS TRANSFER WAS RECEIVED FROM ANY CARABINERO UNITS. IN ADDITION, HE SAID THAT THE CARABINERO HIGH COMMAND NOW KNOWS THAT THE NAVY SENT SOME ARMED PERSONNEL TO HELP GUARD THE

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AIRCRAFT, AND THAT THE AIR FORCE INSTALLED A MACHINE GUN PERIMETER. NONE OF THIS ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED EITHER. URRUTIA SAID THAT IT WAS MANDATORY THAT CARABINEROS REPORT ON SUCH ACTIVITIES, IF THEY WERE TO CARRY OUT THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY TASKS EFFICIENTLY.

6. ABOUT 19 AUGUST A RADIO ORDER WENT OUT TO ALL CARABINERO UNITS IN CHILE, SIGNED BY URRUTIA, WHICH SAID THAT CARABINEROS WERE TO REPEL ANY ATTACKS AGAINST THEM, WITH ARMS IF NECESSARY. ON 29 AUGUST THIS ORDER WAS FOLLOWED UP BY WRITTEN ORDERS.

COMMENT: THIS ORDER MEANS THAT THE CARABINEROS SHOULD DEFEND THEMSELVES IF ATTACKED BY ANYONE. THE INTENTION WAS TO PROTECT UNITS AND PERSONNEL FROM ATTACKS BY TERRORIST GROUPS, BUT, IF TAKEN LITERALLY, IT COULD INCLUDE ATTACKS BY OTHER MILITARY SERVICES, IF THE OCCASION AROSE.)

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